VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No proposal has been received under the MRTP Act, 1969 for the take over of M/s. Pond's (India) Limited by M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the information furnished by M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited, they have not shelved the manufacture of Talcum Powder.

(d) Ministry of Industry have no information in this regard.

BHEL equipments

1461. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL equipments cost twice the amount of imported equipment and that there is delay on the part of BHEL in supplies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) Studies by independent bodies like BICP and CEI have shown that the conversion costs of BHEL for its main products are for the most part, same as that of foreign suppliers. BHEL is also by and large able to meet its delivery commitments.

1462. [*Transferred to the 19th March*, 1987].

1463. [*Transferred to the 19th March*, 1987].

Price increase of Medicines

1464. SHRI RAFIQ ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of a number of medicines have gone up after the announcement of policy statement;

(b) what were the prices of Lethidrone Inj. 10mg. 1ml, Kamilisan Ointment 20 gm., K-5 Liquid 100ml. Duoluton tablets, Testoviron Injections. Tri-redisol-N Injections 500 MC 5ml. Redisol Injections, Migril Tablets, Midarine Injection, Salunex Tablets in November, 1986 and January, 1987;

(c) whether Government have granted price increases of these products;

(d) if not, under what provision of price control order, prices have been increased by drug companies;

(e) what penal action is available under this situation and whether any action has been taken in any case; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 continues to be in operation.

(b) Information to the extent available is shown in the attached Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) All these formulations fell under price decontrolled category except Redisole and Tri-Redisol-N Injection and Salunex Tablets the prices of which have been fixed as per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug	Name of the Company	Pack Size/ Strength	Price as on Nov. 1986	Price as on Jan. 1987	Category
1	Kamilisan Ointm	German Remedies	20 gm.	11·50	11·50	Others
2.	Duoluton Tabs	-do-	21 Tabs.	9·71	9·71	Others
3.	Testoviron Inj.	-do-	25 mg. Box 10 × 1 ml	27·50	27·50	Others
			50 mg. Box 10—1ml	42·50	42·50	Others
4.	Tri Redisol-H Injection	Merind	Hydroxyc-oba-lamin 1000mcg Thiamine Hyd. 100 mg. Pyridoxin Hyd. 50 mg./Vial 5ml.	7·92	8·41	III
5.	Redisol Inj.	-do-	Hydroxy-cobalamin 500 mg. per ml./ 5ml Vial	2·15	2·15	III
			Hydroxy-cobalamin 1000mg. per ml./ 5ml. Vial	2·76	2·76	III
6	Migril Tabs.	Burroughs Wellcome	10 Tabs.	9·01	9·91	Others
7.	Midrine Inj.	-do-	10 ml.	6·99	7·69	Others
8.	Sulinex Tabs.	IDPL	Frusemide BP 40 mg. per Tab/ Box of 10 Tabs.	13·51	13·51	II
9.	Lorfidrone Inj.	Burroughs Wellcome	Nelorphine 10 mg./ 1ml. 10ml Vial	194·52	213·97	Others